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Examiner: Pryor, A
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The Commissioner of
Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Amendment and Response

Dear Sir:

This is responsive to the Office Action dated October 2, 2001. Please consider the following amendments and remarks.

Claims

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. An extended release pharmaceutical active formulation comprising;
- about 5-95% by weight pharmaceutical active;
 - [an encasement coat] comprising one or more layers of a polymeric film encasing said pharmaceutical active, said encasement coat soluble in a pH of above about 5.0 and comprising about 5 up to less than 50% by weight polymer and about 0.5%-30% by weight plasticizer comprising polyethylene glycol,
 - wherein said formulation provides over 12 hours of extended release of said active in the bloodstream.

2. Cancelled